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1. MINGRONE OF LOCKHEED, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE GOOD SOURCES, TELLS US THAT THE ARGUMENT HAS BEEN RAISED WITHIN THE GOI AGAINST PURCHASE OF THE TRISTAR (OR ANY AMERICAN AIRPLANE FOR THAT MATTER) ON GROUNDS THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY REFUSE TO LICENSE EXPORT OF SPARES AT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. MINGRONE, WHO HAS BEEN SELLING AIRPLANES IN INDIA FOR A LONG TIME, SAYS HE REMEMBERS THAT IN 1949 A NEW LOCKHEED CONSTELLATION BEING FERRIED FROM BURBANK TO INDIA WAS GROUNDED IN NEW YORK FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD WHILE AN EXPORT LICENSE WAS AWAITED. HE SAYS HE ALSO REMEMBERS THAT IN THE EARLY 1950S, AN EXPORT LICENSE WAS REFUSED FOR SPARE PARTS FOR AIR INDIA'S CONSTELLATIONS. MORE RECENTLY HE SAYS HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT INDIAN AIRLINES WAS REFUSED AN EXPORT PERMIT FOR SPARE PARTS FOR BOEING 737S.

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2. WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY TROUBLE WITH EXPORT LICENSES FOR INDIAN

AIRLINES 737S, AND ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT THE ALLEGATION.
HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT CAN
SHED ON THE THREE ALLEGED CASES OF TROUBLE WITH EXPORT LICENSES
FOR INDIAN-OWNED COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND THEIR PARTS. WHAT
REASSURANCE CAN MINGRONE OR THE EMBASSY GIVE THE GOI ABOUT
U. S. LICENSING POLICY ON SPARES FOR COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT?
SINCE THE DECISION ON WHICH TYPE OF AIRCRAFT TO PURCHASE
MAY BE MADE SOON WE WOULD APPRECIATE A PROMPT ANSWER.
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